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It's Tea Time

Now through January 31, 2010 Cannon Art Gallery

Actually, it's "teapot" time — but only until January 31! So don't delay if you still haven't seen the absolutely delightful *Teapots: Object to Subject* exhibition at the William D. Cannon Art Gallery, located in the Carlsbad City Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane. Forty of the best entries from the 2004 Survey of Contemporary American Teapots sponsored by the Craft

Alliance in St. Louis, Missouri are presented. Plus, works by 26 regional artists invited by Curator of Exhibitions Karen McGuire to participate in the exhibition are also included.

This exhibition has been extremely popular (we knew it would be) because it appeals to such a broad range of tastes — and we're not just talking black tea, green tea, or herbal tea. If you enjoy sculpture, or ceramics, or decorative arts,

or painting, or conceptual art even — you'll find something to catch your eye in this exhibition. After visiting this exhibition, you'll never look at a teapot the same way again!

Want more gallery information? Turn the page to learn what other exhibitions are coming this spring, and don't miss the Winter-Spring 2009-10 edition of the city's Community Services Guide. You'll find the Cannon Art Gallery on the cover and a great two-page article inside as well!



Variety Is The Word This Spring

André Kertész: On Reading February 21 – April 18

A prominent member of Henri Cartier-Bresson's circle in 1920s Paris, André Kertész created a series of photographs in Europe and the U.S. over a 50-year career that examine the power of reading as a universal pleasure. The 104 photos in the show are drawn from the collection of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Columbia College, Chicago. When we learned that Curatorial Assistance of LA was touring this exhibition, we booked the show as quickly as we could. For two reasons. First and most obvious, because of our location next to the library, it seemed quite natural to do an exhibition about "reading." Second, Kertesz was one of the true giants of photography in the 20th century, and this exhibition is literally a "class on the wall" on how to compose a great photograph. Each image (all black-and-white) in the show has a power all its own in this visually stunning and elegant exhibition.

Lecture by Arthur Ollman Followed by the Opening Reception for *On Reading*

Saturday, February 20 Lecture: 4-5 p.m. Reception: 5-7 p.m.

At the Cannon Art Gallery

Join us for a special pre-opening lecture in the Schulman Auditorium by Arthur Ollman, former director of the Museum of Photographic Art in Balboa Park and a respected scholar on the history of photography. Then stay for the opening reception of the exhibition, generously sponsored by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts. Both programs are free.

Tesoros Mexicanos: Mexican Treasures from Two Folk Art Collections

May 2 – June 2

In this exhibition, the nature of Mexican popular arts and artists is explored through the eyes of private collectors Tom and Alma Pirazzini and Lawrence Kent. Long interested in the ancient civilizations of the Americas, the Pirazzinis have traveled extensively to the jungles of southern

Mexico, Guatemala and the Amazon to build their collection of masks, lacquerware, and pre-Columbian treasures. Lawrence Kent, another avid collector in our region, has accumulated examples of folk art from places such as Oaxaca, Jalisco, and Mexico City. This show is a rare opportunity to see many superb — and diverse — works of Mexican folk art in one intimate setting. Join us for the opening reception on Saturday, May 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Left: André Kertész: On Reading Right: Tesoros Mexicanos: Mexican Treasures





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Our Newest Public Art Project

In June of 2008, Fallbrook-based artist Michael Stutz was selected to be the public artist for the City of Carlsbad's next building project, the Joint First Responders Training Facility. The new facility, which will include a shooting range for police officers, training areas for fire staff, and eventually administration headquarters for the Fire Department, will be located across from the city's Safety Center on Orion Way in Carlsbad.

Since his selection, Stutz has been working closely with the project architect, the landscape designer, and members of fire and police services to make sure the proposed artwork was integrated into and appropriate for the entire project and site. Many issues were discussed and debated

by this team and ultimately, the challenge, or assignment, to the artist became to create a work and a setting that:

- Could be used for gatherings such as press conferences, swearing in and awards ceremonies, or September 11 tributes.
- Would help visitors appreciate the history, sacrifices, and accomplishments of those who have served in these safety professions.
- Represent the service and commitment that these personnel provide to the community on a daily basis.
- Serve as an inspiration to those Police and Fire personnel who are training in the facility.

Michael's "solution" to the challenge – that is, his proposed design – has already been presented to members of the Fire and Police Departments and to the Carlsbad Arts Commission. A display version has been presented at three different sites in the city, and a version has also been posted on the city's Web page, inviting public comment.

And on February 4, we'll be taking all these public comments back to the Arts Commission for a second review, before making a recommendation to the City Council.

So you have about two more weeks to let us know what you think! E-mail your comments to peter.gordon@carlsbadca.gov

To see more work created by Michael Stutz, visit his Web site: www.stutzart.com



Opera Previews Turn Ten

The Cultural Arts Office is celebrating a number of significant anniversaries this year, (the Cannon Art Gallery's 10th, TGIF Jazz's 25th) and one that continues to delight us is the 10th season of the Opera Previews. During its 10-year run, this engaging lecture series has had the same presenter – the spirited and thoroughly engaging Dr. Ron Shaheen. Year after year, Dr. Shaheen points out the special gifts awaiting audiences in each opera. He's plumbed freemasonry in *The* Magic Flute and burgeoning democracy in *Fidelio*. He sang for us from *The Pearl* Fishers and was memorably overcome with emotion by the nobility and compassion of *Don Quixote*. The full houses that routinely attend Opera Previews expect to be as transported by his lectures as if they were front row center at the opera itself. And one special result of this highly popular program was the creation of the Opera Caravan, which originated in Carlsbad, and will again be offered this

Opera Previews are made possible by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund. The Opera Caravan is a collaboration between the Arts Office and the San Diego Opera.

Community Arts Grants for 2010 Announced

Sixteen Community Arts Grants have been awarded for 2010, and if they demonstrate anything about Carlsbad, it's that people here, both young and old, love to perform. And they'll get plenty of opportunity to polish their chops in the coming year while bringing local audiences a lot of bang for the buck. A total of \$25,000 in matching grants was awarded for 2010, split evenly between the Arts Education and Organizations/Artist Partnerships categories.

Eleven Arts Education grants were awarded in amounts ranging from \$985 to \$1,200. Four projects give students specialized instruction and coaching in music, including Jefferson Elementary School's five-year-old, 60-student violin program, and Kelly Elementary School's brand new all-students ukulele project.

Four other proposals focus on dance. Our hugely popular high school and middle school show choir and musical theater programs will work with guest choreographers, while Pacific Rim first and second graders begin preparing for their turn in the spotlight with an introductory

dance class. To guarantee that there will be future plays for our budding performers, two schools are hosting Playwright Project's exceptional "Write On!" program for young authors. And a few million years of life in Carlsbad will take ceramic shape on the walls of the Montessori Arts & Sciences School's stunning environmental mural.

The five awards of \$800 to \$5,000 in the Organizations/Artists Partnerships category will offer both the doers and the goers several enjoyable encounters. Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League's monthly demonstrations by professional artists are open to members and the public. New Village Arts and Carlsbad Community Theatre will offer more than 25 performances of theatre and music featuring local performers. The California Quartet relates jazz to classical music in a concert and open rehearsal at the Schulman Auditorium. And the Museum of Making Music will welcome pre-schoolers to twice-monthly interactive encounters with melody. Which all goes to show that the arts are ageless in Carlsbad. For a complete list of awards, go to the Cultural Arts Office Web page: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

Opera Previews

Saturdays 10 a.m. Free in the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium Carlsbad City Library Complex , 1775 Dove Lane

January 30 La bohème Gia February 20 Nabucco Giu March 13 Romeo and Juliet Ch April 17 La traviata Giu

Giacomo Puccini Giuseppe Verdi Charles Gounod Giuseppe Verdi

Admission is free, seating is limited. Tickets are distributed at 9:15 a.m., doors open at 9:40 a.m.

The Opera Caravan

Park at the Carlsbad City Library at 1775 Dove Lane and ride round-trip to the opera. For only \$20 per person. Tuesday departures at 5 p.m., Sundays at noon. Call 619-533-7058 for Opera Caravan reservations and tickets.

TUESDAYS
La bohème
February 2
February 7
Nabucco
February 23
February 28
Romeo and Juliet
March 16
March 21
La traviata
April 20
April 25



Get Ready To Create!

Family Open Studios

Saturday, March 20
Saturday, May 22
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. FREE
Courtyard of the Carlsbad City Library
complex • 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad

Family Open Studios is a hands-on artmaking event designed for all ages! It's great fun, it's educational — and it's FREE! Here's how it works. First, you'll tour the exhibition on display in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. That's just a warm-up to get you inspired. Then, you'll work with our terrific artist/educators and volunteers on a specifically-designed art project related to the exhibition. Finally, you get to take your completed work of art home to enjoy. We provide all the materials and the workspace, you provide the creativity. No reservations required and stay as long as you like! The 2010 Family Open Studios program is generously funded by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts.



Summer Arts Camps 2010

Start planning now so you don't miss any deadlines for another great season of summer arts camps organized by the Cultural Arts Office. Creative thinking and activities, imaginative play, unique educational experiences, and just plain fun are all awaiting your child this summer. Cultural Arts Office summer camps offers children ages seven to 12 a wonderful opportunity to explore their interests in art, music, theatre, dance and nature, all in a safe and welcoming environment. These camps are very popular (just ask any past camper!) and fill up fast — so mark your calendars!



Important registration information

Begin looking for our brochures with more information about our summer camps — Creative Arts Camps and Club Pelican — around the end of March. Camp brochures may be found on our city's Web site, at both library locations and at other city locations.

Registration for Carlsbad residents starts on April 21 at 9 a.m.

Registration for non-Carlsbad residents starts on April 28 at 9 a.m.

To learn more about the program, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts or call the Arts Info Line at 760-434-2904.





Membership Has Its Privileges

As we begin 2010, the Friends of the Arts are already busy preparing for the 25th anniversary season of the TGIF Jazz in the Parks concerts. We're hoping the Opportunity Drawings will be bigger and better than ever this coming summer. And of course, we hope the drawings raise lots of money — to help us support more arts programming in our community.

The new year is also bringing a major change to our membership program. Carlsbad Friends of the Arts members should be on the lookout for their new membership cards to arrive sometime in February. Because in 2010, when you have your CFA membership card, you will be eligible to receive some great new benefits, including:

Bonus Raffle Tickets at TGIF Jazz in the Parks

At each TGIF Jazz concert in 2010, when you buy \$20 worth of raffle tickets, you get 40 extra. So instead of getting 40 tickets for \$20, you get 80 for \$20! (Limit once per concert.)

Discount on TGIF Jazz Tee Shirt

Get \$5 off the purchase of one TGIF Jazz tee shirt

Free Poster from the William D. Cannon Art Gallery

Receive a free poster from the Cannon Art Gallery when you become a new or renewing CFA member. Your choice from available stock.

Free Admission at the Museum of Making Music

You receive free admission to Museum of Making Music exhibitions throughout 2010. This free admission package is valid for up to two adults and two children per visit.

Discount on Tickets at New Village Arts

Get the discounted rate of \$22 per ticket for any main stage performance. (Excludes opening night performances.)

Discount on Artwork at The Foundry

Get 10% off any artwork by a Foundry artist. (What's the Foundry? A great new space for working artists next door to New Village Arts in Carlsbad Village. See www.newvillagearts.org/foundry for more details.)

We're working on a few more benefits as well. And don't forget: you still get the Arts News (three times a year) and all Cannon Art Gallery exhibition announcements (five times a year) sent directly to you.

And for you folks who are not CFA members, we'll be sending you a letter soon that makes it easy to join. Here's your chance to become a supporter of the arts here in Carlsbad and San Diego North County and receive all these great benefits as well!

Friends Annual Meeting

Friday, January 29 • 5:30 p.m Museum of Making Music 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad

Please plan to join us for our annual get together. After a short membership meeting, there will be a wine and cheese reception.

Then at 7 p.m., Jack Tempchin will perform at the Museum, but you'll need to buy a separate ticket for that concert. Jack Tempchin is an American musician and singer-songwriter, best known for writing the Eagles classic "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and co-writing their hit "Already Gone." Tickets to the Jack Tempchin concert are \$10 for Museum and CFA members and \$12 for non-members and include food and beverages sponsored by Flippin' Pizza and Stone Brewing. For tickets, call the Museum at 760-438-5996, ext 177 or online at www. museumofmakingmusic.org







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A Little Of This, A Little Of That

Artist Portfolio Review Day

Saturday, January 30, 2010 10:30 a.m. FREE Gowland Meeting Room Carlsbad City Library complex 1775 Dove Lane

If you are one of the North Coast region's many gifted artists, this terrific opportunity may interest you. Bring your work samples to the Artist Portfolio Review Day and learn how to present winning applications for the many public art projects that issue "Calls to Artists" each year. Benefit from the constructive feedback of experts as they review your portfolio, demystify the public art process, and provide insight into the minds of artist selection panelists. This free event is sponsored by the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office, San Diego International Airport Art Program, and Port of San Diego Public Art Department and is organized by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

The Cultural Arts Office is very pleased to be partnering with such a terrific group of organizations and proud to be the host site for the program. Participating panelists include:

Letitia Fernandez Ivins LA County Arts Commission Civic Art Program

Malina Moore Public Art Coordinator, City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division

Jorge J. Pardo Director of Art & Design, LA County MTA

Erik Qvale Director of Public Art, Praccis, specializing in public art, design and media **Jody Rassell** Principal in Charge, Fine Arts Services LLC.

PLEASE NOTE: To reserve a time for your review, send your full name via email to dsprings@sandiego.gov. Write "Add to Interest List for Portfolio Review" in the subject line.

Left: Ann Chase Right: Ruby! We wanted to put a picture of Carrie Jones here. But if we did that, then we wouldn't have room for Ruby. So the choice was between Carrie and Ruby, and well... even Carrie voted for Ruby.

"Love Songs for a Mad World"

Cabaret Night with Ann Chase Friday, February 12 • 7:00 p.m. FREE Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium

Start your Valentine Weekend with this romantic (and free) performance by noted cabaret artist, Ann Chase. A singer of consummate skill for 30 years, more recently Ms. Chase has been breaking the boundaries of musical style in her engrossing series of cabaret performances at the piano. She combines jazz and classical pieces, protest anthems, American art songs, and Tin Pan Alley standards, all illuminated by her feel for the cultural ties connecting them. In choosing to perform "Love Songs for a Mad World: Songs by and about Women from Cole Porter to Joni Mitchell," Chase felt the program would fit in nicely with other performances taking place in the region during this Valentine season, such as San Diego Opera's sweeping romance, "La bohème," and Lyric Opera's Stephen Sondheim classic, "A Little Night Music." Join us and see why the New York Times calls Ann Chase "a striking soprano soloist." This performance is made possible by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.



Grants Available

The Kenneth A. Picerne Foundation is currently accepting grant applications for its 2010 Artist Outreach Project. This grant gives accomplished visual, performing and literary artists, age 55 and older, the opportunity to provide educational, mentoring and therapeutic experiences for underserved populations in San Diego County and Orange County. Selected artists will receive a grant of \$12,000 for this 12-month project. The grant is intended to cover actual contact time with an underserved group of the artist's choice, and will be paid out at \$1,000 per month. Artists may request reimbursement for materials directly related to their service. The application deadline is March 30, 2010. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Victor Nelson, Executive Director, at 949-267-1517 or visit the Foundation website at www.picernefoundation.org

Good-bye Megan, Hello Carrie

Our curatorial assistant, Megan Eslinger, has left us for "different" (we won't say greener) pastures — she's now a visual arts teacher at Carlsbad High School.

Taking her place is Carrie Jones, a computer graphic artist when she's not working with Karen McGuire on gallery exhibitions. Carrie has also been instrumental — downright symphonic we should say — in helping the Arts Office get up to speed on the city's new Web site. Welcome, Carrie.







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UsefulInformation

The Cultural Arts Office and the Sculpture Garden are located at 2955 Elmwood, just a few steps north of the Cole Library.

Mailing address: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Phone: 760-434-2920

Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm

The William D. Cannon Art Gallery and the Schulman Auditorium are located in the Carlsbad City Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Gallery hours:

Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 5pm

Sunday 1pm - 5pm **Phone:** 760-602-2021

For up-to-date information about Arts Office programs, call the Arts Info Line: 760-434-2904 or check us out on the city's Web site: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

Save the Date

2010 TGIF Jazz in the Parks

Friday, June 25, 6 p.m. Stagecoach Park

We start the TGIF Jazz concert season — our 25th anniversary season — one week later this year, to avoid a parking conflict with La Costa Canyon's graduation ceremonies. So June 25 will be the first concert date in 2010. Then it's every Friday evening through August 20! We haven't booked all the bands yet, but we have reserved the parks: the first three concerts are at Stagecoach, the next three at Poinsettia, the final three at Calavera Hills. Watch for details around mid May on the city Web site: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

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